

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-94

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To honor Darian Morgan for his contributions to the community.

WHEREAS, Darian Morgan, better known as "Big Tigger," began his career in commercial radio as a DJ at 92 Q FM in Baltimore, worked as an intern at WPGC 95.5 FM in the District of Columbia, hosted BET's Rap City and 106 & Park, broadcasted the news on Rap City's "Hip Hop News", acts in television commercials and program roles, is a gifted lyricist, and is now an accomplished and well-known, on-air personality;

WHEREAS, "Big Tigger" grew up in the Bronx in New York City, and attended the University of Maryland;

WHEREAS, "Big Tigger" runs a thriving business, BTWheels.com, and unselfishly gives back to the community through his charitable organization The StreetCorner Foundation, whose work focuses on HIV and AIDS awareness and education; and

WHEREAS, "Big Tigger" enjoys riding his motorcycle, playing basketball, and involving himself in charitable events.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Darian Morgan ("Big Tigger") Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds the talent and steadfastness of "Big Tigger," who continues to enrich the music industry and its community.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-95

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To honor and recognize Dr. Nkosi Ajanaku for his stellar contributions to the community and nation through extended research and well-founded philosophies.

WHEREAS, Dr. Nkosi Ajanaku, a research lawyer and graduate of the University of Memphis School of Law, has developed basic principles of what is now called the science of Humaculture;

WHEREAS, Dr. Nkosi Ajanaku is the chief scientist for the Future America National Crime Solution Commission;

WHEREAS, Dr. Nkosi Ajanaku's philosophy is built upon the basic principle that we all are humans and that we can and must move beyond historical differences, including the differences associated with the ongoing effects of slavery;

WHEREAS, Humaculture is the study of the "self" and reveals how to develop children according to their natural potential;

WHEREAS, Humaculture is deeply rooted in the philosophies of Clement Stone ("Positive Mental Attitude") and Napoleon Hill ("Think and Grow Rich") and the science of positive mental attitude phenomenon;

WHEREAS, Humaculture creates an environment for love to take root and grow and introduces individuals to their essence and capacity, including the capacity to love self and self-kind;

WHEREAS, Humaculture not only equips the individual with the ability of self reflection and awareness, but allows the individual to evolve beyond blaming others for situations, conditions, or circumstances, and takes a fresh approach to the need to get facts and abandon unsubstantiated notions about problems encountered; and

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

WHEREAS, Dr. Nkosi Ajanaku's research and philosophy can lay the foundation for resolving many socioeconomic issues in the District of Columbia and throughout the nation and pave a way for changing the plight of African-Americans through the concepts and ideas outlined in the science of Humaculture.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. Nkosi Ajanaku Philanthropic Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Dr. Nkosi Ajanaku for philanthropic endeavors and future contributions to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-96

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize and honor Valdenna Tinner for outstanding service and dedication to the students in the District of Columbia Public Schools.

WHEREAS, Valdenna Tinner was born and raised in southwest, Washington, D.C., and educated in the District of Columbia Public Schools system;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tinner graduated from Ballou Senior High School and Howard University, with a degree in Clothing, Food, and Nutrition, and began her teaching career in 1973 as a Home Economics teacher at John Philip Sousa Junior High School;

WHEREAS, in 1986, Ms. Tinner was permanently hired at Ballou Senior High School, where she taught Home Economics and worked tirelessly teaching and preparing students for their futures;

WHEREAS, in 1996, Ms. Tinner earned her Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Bowie State University and was thereafter promoted to Guidance Counselor at Ballou Senior High School, where she continued to give endlessly to her students, sometimes even providing food and shelter;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tinner is the consummate professional, leading by example, demonstrating grace and poise under pressure, and possessing knowledge and skill;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tinner served as Chairman of the Counseling Department at Ballou Senior High School;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tinner served as the coordinator for the "We Care" Teen Parent Program, providing guidance, resources, and assistance for young people coping with parenthood;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tinner taught Home-School Connections so that students could stay abreast of their studies while away from school;

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

WHEREAS, Ms. Tinner served as school advisor for the National Student Achievement Awards;

WHEREAS, Ms. Tinner served as chairperson and coordinated the success of the testing programs at Ballou Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tinner, a role model for her colleagues in the teaching profession, has demonstrated her dedication to the field of education and counseling.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Valdena Tinner Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the work of Ms. Valdena Tinner for outstanding service and dedication to the students in the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-97

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To honor R. Donahue Peebles as a role model for aspiring entrepreneurs.

WHEREAS, R. Donahue Peebles was raised in the District of Columbia in a single-parent household;

WHEREAS, R. Donahue Peebles lives in Miami with his wife, Katrina, and their 2 children;

WHEREAS, R. Donahue Peebles began his love for politics while in high school as a page for the United States House of Representatives, and has gone on to become the country's largest African-American real estate developer with a \$4 billion portfolio of 4-star hotels, commercial properties, and future developments in progress in the District of Columbia, and other prominent cities;

WHEREAS, R. Donahue Peebles published his first book, "The Peebles Principles" in April 2007, has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Forbes, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, Black Enterprise, Ebony, the New Post, the Miami Herald, and Inc. as a successful real estate professional, was profiled on CNBC, CNN Financial Network, and has been a guest on the nationally syndicated radio program, the "Tom Joyner Morning Show"; and

WHEREAS, R. Donahue Peebles urges inner-city children to pursue business careers, serves as chief executive officer of his own billion-dollar real estate development firm, addresses numerous educational, business, and professional associations across the nation, including Columbia University Graduate School of Business, The Wharton School, University of Miami, 100 Black Men of America, Harvard Business School's African American Alumni Association, and the American Hotel & Motel Association's Annual Conference.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "R. Donahue Peebles Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds R. Donahue Peebles for his commendable accomplishments as a real estate developer, for his willingness to share his experiences as a book author, and for his desire to mentor children and youth to convince them to dream and achieve.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-98

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize Dr, Bester Bonner, the former Director of the Library and Information Services of the District of Columbia Public Schools, and to declare May 3, 2007, as "Dr. Bester Bonner Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Dr. Bester Bonner represented the District of Columbia as the Director of Library and Information Services for 18 years;

WHEREAS, Dr. Bester Bonner provided the District of Columbia invaluable dedication and commitment throughout her tenure as Director of Library and Information Services;

WHEREAS, Dr. Bester Bonner provided direction, leadership, and consultation to 146 schools in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Bester Bonner worked selflessly on boards and committees to renovate and upgrade all southeast Washington, D.C., elementary school libraries;

WHEREAS, Dr. Bester Bonner was an advocate for state-of-the-art School Library Media Programs;

WHEREAS, Dr. Bester Bonner partnered with the Library of Congress to provide free new books for every school library; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bester Bonner provided over 43 years of service in the field of Library and Information.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. Bester Bonner Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Dr. Bester Bonner and declares May 3, 2007, as "Dr. Bester Bonner Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-99

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize the Dragon Boat Association of Washington D.C., Inc., in conjunction with the 2007 Washington D.C. Dragon Boat Festival, May 19 - 20, 2007.

WHEREAS, the ancient sport of dragon boat racing began in China more than 2,000 years ago;

WHEREAS, dragon boat racing is still practiced in many parts of the world and stresses history, tradition, culture, teamwork, and sportsmanship;

WHEREAS, the 2007 Washington D.C. Dragon Boat Festival is held over a 2-day period, with the actual race on the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, the Washington D.C. Dragon Boat Festival of 2006 was a great success with 1,000 participants representing 45 competing teams.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Washington D.C. Dragon Boat Festival Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and congratulates the 2007 Washington D.C. Dragon Boat Festival Committee for the valuable contribution it has made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-100

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To commend and recognize the remarkable successes of the Stuart-Hobson Middle School girls varsity and boys junior varsity basketball teams for their academic and athletic achievements.

WHEREAS, Stuart-Hobson Middle School was constructed in 1962, is located in southeast Washington, D.C., and named in honor of Mr. Alexander J. Stuart, former Superintendent of District of Columbia Public Schools;

WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Stuart-Hobson Middle School Varsity Girls Basketball Team won the City Championship, the Western Division Conference Championship, and the regular-season division championship, finishing undefeated;

WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Stuart-Hobson Middle School Varsity Girls Basketball Team has qualified for the playoffs for over 16 years and continued to the Final Four for over 10 years;

WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Stuart-Hobson Middle School Varsity Girls Basketball Team was lead in scoring by Ms. Persia Bonner with 100 points and Ms. RaShawnda Carter with 92 points;

WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Stuart-Hobson Middle School Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team won the City Championship, the Western Division Conference Championship, and the regular-season division title, finishing undefeated;

WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Stuart-Hobson Middle School Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team has qualified for the playoffs for 6 consecutive years;

WHEREAS, the 2006-2007 Stuart-Hobson Middle School Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team was lead in scoring by Mr. Mark Molden with 78 points and Mr. Markell Young with 66 points; and

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

WHEREAS, the Stuart-Hobson Middle School mascot and basketball coaching staff have built an amazing sense of pride, spirit of sportsmanship, and respect for others, on and off the court.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Stuart-Hobson Middle School Basketball Champions Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Stuart-Hobson Middle School basketball teams, coaches, principals, students, parents, friends, and supporters for creating a successful and championship-quality program of athletics.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-101

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To commend and recognize the Washington, DC Chapter of Concerned Black Men, Inc. on its 22nd Annual Youth Recognition Awards Banquet and 25th Anniversary as an Afro-American volunteer men's mentoring organization.

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC Chapter of Concerned Black Men, Inc. is dedicated to providing quality volunteer mentoring for the youth of this community and upholding its motto of "Caring for Our Youth";

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC Chapter of Concerned Black Men, Inc. raises funds to provide scholarship opportunities, awarded annually, to support youth in their pursuit of higher educational and career goals;

WHEREAS, the members of the Washington, DC Chapter of Concerned Black Men, Inc. serve as role models to the youth of this community and provide one of the premier programs in the nation designed to educate our young men and assist them in becoming responsible and productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC Chapter of Concerned Black Men, Inc. will host its 22nd Annual Youth Recognition Awards Banquet on June 2, 2007.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Concerned Black Men, Inc. Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and congratulates the Washington, DC Chapter of Concerned Black Men, Inc. on its 22nd Annual Youth Recognition Awards Banquet and 25th Anniversary as an Afro-American volunteer men's mentoring organization.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-102

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize and honor Stuart J. Land for the help he gave laying the foundation of the public charter school program in Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, there have been 55 public charter schools established since the inception of the public charter school program in 1996;

WHEREAS, these schools now enroll 19,714 students on 71 campuses and comprise 26% of all publicly funded students;

WHEREAS, Stuart J. Land has provided important pro bono services and advice of great benefit to the public charter school program since 1996;

WHEREAS, Stuart J. Land led a pro bono team from Arnold & Porter, which represented the District of Columbia Board of Education and the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board, saving them time and money in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Stuart J. Land has served or is serving on the boards of several charter schools, including The D.C. Charter School Resource Center, the Friends of Choice in Urban School, and The City Lights Public Charter School, all of which have greatly assisted the public charter school program in the District; and

WHEREAS, Stuart J. Land continues to assist charter schools as a member of the Center for Student Support Services.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Stuart J. Land Recognition Resolution of 2007".

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Stuart J. Land for his successful efforts in helping to lay the legal and financial foundation of the public charter school program of the District of Columbia, which is being used to improve educational opportunities for thousands of the District's children.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-103

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize and honor Washington, D.C., native Mary Kennedy Oyler on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Kennedy was born on May 2, 1917, and grew up in the Swampoodle neighborhood of Washington, D.C., first in the 400 block of K Street, N.E., where she was born, and later in the unit block of K Street, N.E.;

WHEREAS, she was the daughter of Blanche Steckman Kennedy and Thomas Sylvester Kennedy;

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Kennedy attended grade school at St. Aloysius School and high school at St. Patrick's Academy and, according to the tradition in those days, she and her senior classmates had tea at the White House with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt in 1935;

WHEREAS, after graduation from high school, Mary Kennedy worked for the Thomas P. Brown Real Estate Company in southwest Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Mary Kennedy married Joseph Hanson Oyler of Adams County Township, Pennsylvania, on August 28, 1938;

WHEREAS, Mary and Joseph Oyler were the parents of 4 children: James, twins Annie and Joe, and Eddie;

WHEREAS, Mary Kennedy Oyler worked for the Catholic University of America and the American Catholic Philosophical Association;

WHEREAS, Mary Kennedy Oyler was a long-time member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Washington;

WHEREAS, Mary Kennedy Oyler's husband died in 1974;

WHEREAS, Mary Kennedy Oyler has 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 3 great great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kennedy Oyler's 90th birthday was on May 2, 2007, and she will celebrate with family and friends on May 19 at her son Eddie's home.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mary Kennedy Oyler 90th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Mary Kennedy Oyler on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-104

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To honor Loretta Carter Hanes for creating a reality out of a dream.

WHEREAS, Loretta Carter Hanes is an 80-year-old native Washingtonian, a descendant of enslaved individuals who served President George Washington, beloved wife of husband Wesley, and mother to a son, Peter, and a daughter, Cindy;

WHEREAS, Loretta Carter Hanes is one of the founders of DC Reading is Fundamental ("DC RIF") and an advocate for literacy for children living in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Loretta Carter Hanes, since 1991, has been an annual coordinator for the Washington, D.C., Emancipation Day Commemorative Events Series, which includes the United States National Park Service, and other public and private agencies, organizations, and churches, and educates the public about the District of Columbia Emancipation Act and remembers the 3,100 enslaved persons who resided in the Nation's Capital on April 16, 1862, freed by an Act of Congress signed into law to abolish slavery;

WHEREAS, Loretta Carter Hanes was instrumental in the 1994 DC Emancipation Commemoration that was held on April 16 at Washington's Old Post Office Pavilion, sponsored by DC RIF, in cooperation with the United States National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Carter Hanes played a large role in the Council of the District of Columbia, on January 5, 2005, making District of Columbia Emancipation Day the District's first and only paid city holiday.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Loretta Carter Hanes Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Loretta Carter Hanes for her dedication to acknowledging historical events and uplifting the community.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-105

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize Sonia Gutiérrez, the founder and Executive Director of the Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School, and to declare May 18, 2007, as "Sonia Gutiérrez Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Sonia Gutiérrez has been a leader in the field of adult education and has vigorously and tirelessly defended the rights of immigrants in the District of Columbia for 35 years;

WHEREAS, Sonia Gutiérrez has provided the District of Columbia an invaluable commitment to achieve social justice and human rights by means of self-empowerment through education;

WHEREAS, Sonia Gutiérrez has developed nationally recognized award winning models of adult education and has pioneered the efforts to expand adult education English as a Second Language, General Educational Development, citizenship, and vocational skills training programs and immigrant supportive services in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Sonia Gutiérrez has spent 35 years as a teacher, principal, counselor, advocate, organizer, and mother figure to more than 50,000 adult immigrant students;

WHEREAS, Sonia Gutiérrez is the founder of the Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School in Ward 1, and has recently been named to the Public Charter School Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, Sonia Gutiérrez has been named Washingtonian of the Year, inducted into the Washington Women's Hall of Fame by the DC Commission of Women, and has received a National Award for "Distinguished Service to Literacy" from the Scripps Howard Foundation; and

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

WHEREAS, Sonia Gutiérrez has also received the Philanthropist in Human Capital Award by the New American Alliance and has been awarded the Regional Mujer award by the National Hispanic Leadership Institute for her excellence in leadership.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sonia Gutiérrez Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Sonia Gutiérrez, and declares May 17, 2007, as "Sonia Gutiérrez Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-106

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize the success of Leonard Ellerbe, a Washington, D.C. native, who has overcome adversity to serve as personal advisor to World Boxing Council welterweight championship boxer Floyd Mayweather, guiding his career and setting a positive example to all African-American men of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Leonard Ellerbe was raised in Ward 7, and attended District of Columbia public schools before beginning boxing as an amateur and joining the military;

WHEREAS, Leonard Ellerbe became Floyd Mayweather's personal advisor 11 years ago and has helped him grow personally and professionally to his current title as "the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world today";

WHEREAS, Leonard Ellerbe is a role model for all African-American males who have also come through and are currently in the District of Columbia public school system;

WHEREAS, Leonard Ellerbe has proven that hardship can be overcome with perseverance and success can be achieved;

WHEREAS, Leonard Ellerbe is one of the most highly regarded managers in the sport of boxing today;

WHEREAS, Leonard Ellerbe now resides in Las Vegas, working side by side with Floyd Mayweather while still financially supporting his mother, father, and the children of his late brother Lawrence Ellerbe, all of whom still reside in the D.C. area; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ellerbe has dedicated his life to managing the career of Floyd Mayweather, and becoming a success in the boxing world himself.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Leonard Ellerbe Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and commends the success of Leonard Ellerbe, and holds him out as a positive role model to all African-American males.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-107

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize and honor the musical career and humanitarian spirit of Gloria Lynne, and to declare May 23, 2007, as "Gloria Lynne Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Gloria Lynne was born in Harlem, New York on November 23, 1931;

WHEREAS, Gloria Lynne's 4-decade career began at the famed Apollo Theater in 1951, and since then she has performed at renowned venues such as Lincoln Center and Dizzy's Coca Cola room in New York City and the Kennedy Center and Lincoln Theater in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Gloria Lynne has a collection of 44 albums, with a new CD to be released this summer, and her concerts continue to be sold-out;

WHEREAS, Gloria Lynne has performed with countless great jazz artists and received numerous distinguished awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Lynne is a published author, and she and her son Richard Alleyne also run a successful production company, Family Bread Music, Inc.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gloria Lynne Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the life of Gloria Lynne and her contributions to the music world, and declares May 23, 2007 as "Gloria Lynne Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-108

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To honor Elizabeth Louise Mitchell White and Bernard White, Jr. ("Whizzer" or "Baby Dump") on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and to declare June 30, 2007, as "E. Louise and Bernard White Day" in the District of Columbia

WHEREAS, Bernard White, Jr., is a third-generation Washingtonian;

WHEREAS, E. Louise Mitchell White has lived in the District of Columbia since moving from Wake Forest, North Carolina at the age of 4 years;

WHEREAS, E. Louise and Bernard met at Dunbar High School in the District of Columbia and were high school sweethearts;

WHEREAS, E. Louise and Bernard continued their romance through college, while attending the University of the District of Columbia and Howard University;

WHEREAS, E. Louise and Bernard were married by the Reverend Doctor Jerry A. Moore, Jr., on June 30, 1957, at the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, E. Louise and Bernard lived in Ward 7 for most of their married life;

WHEREAS, E. Louise and Bernard raised 3 children in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, E. Louise and Bernard were faithful members of the Ward 7 Democrats, the Hillcrest Civic Association, and the Washington, DC Chapter of Jack and Jill of America;

WHEREAS, E. Louise is a retiree from the District of Columbia Public Schools system, where she served faithfully as a teacher and administrator; and

WHEREAS, Bernard is a retiree from the District of Columbia government after 37 years of service.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Elizabeth Louise Mitchell White and Bernard White Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the partnership and lives of Elizabeth Louise and Bernard White, Jr., and their contributions to the citizens of the District of Columbia and declares June 30, 2007, as "E. Louise and Bernard White Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-109

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To commend, recognize, and thank the students, teachers, and parents of School-Within-School at Peabody for their remarkable works of art highlighting and celebrating the historic Eastern Market.

WHEREAS, School-Within-School at Peabody is a teacher-directed District of Columbia public school founded in September 1995 and located in northeast Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the emphasis in the approach to education used at School-Within-School at Peabody is to develop a child's ability to represent ideas, theories, thoughts, and feelings through a variety of media, often through collaborative, in-depth projects that involve the teachers, students, and parents;

WHEREAS, through the leadership and instruction of Ms. Marla McLean, the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes at School-Within-School at Peabody have been studying, visiting, and documenting the historic Eastern Market during the 2006-2007 school year;

WHEREAS, the classes created a unique, warm, and beautiful gallery of the students' artwork put on display at Eastern Market just days before the April 30, 2007, fire that destroyed much of the market; and

WHEREAS, the students' artwork will be on temporary display at the John A. Wilson Building June 8 – 15, 2007, and selections will be on permanent display at Eastern Market throughout the rebuilding and renovation effort.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "School-Within-School at Peabody Eastern Market Artwork Recognition Resolution of 2007".

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends, recognizes, and thanks the students, teachers, and parents of School-Within-School at Peabody for creating and sharing remarkable works of art that highlight and celebrate the historic Eastern Market.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-110

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To commemorate the year-end recognition ceremony and reception of Mary House After School Program, and to declare May 31, 2007, as "Mary House Volunteer Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mary House began its After School Program in 1995;

WHEREAS, the After School Program in the 2006-2007 school year included a comprehensive tutoring and mentoring program for preschool and elementary school students;

WHEREAS, the After School Program serves more than 30 parents and students with volunteers from local high schools and universities; and

WHEREAS, the supporters, graduates, and parents of Mary House gathered for a year-end recognition ceremony and reception to honor Americorp and Intern Team Members, Barbara Warner, Sean Ross, Joe Orozco, Malkia Hutchinson, and Darcie Mulholland, on May 31, 2007.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mary House Volunteer Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commemorates the year-end recognition ceremony and reception of Mary House After School Program, and declares May 31, 2007, "Mary House Volunteer Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-111

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize Master Barber James Arthur Spruill, Jr., and to declare June 2, 2007, as "James Arthur Spruill, Jr., Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, James Arthur Spruill, Jr., became a barber in Washington, D.C., in 1965 and opened his own shop in Ward 1 in 1970;

WHEREAS, James Arthur Spruill, Jr., has cut approximately 213,200 heads of hair over his 43-year career as a barber;

WHEREAS, James Arthur Spruill, Jr., has provided approximately 149,240 free haircuts to homeless people and indigent residents;

WHEREAS, James Arthur Spruill, Jr., has conducted regular visits to local hospitals and nursing homes to provide haircuts and shaves to the elderly;

WHEREAS, James Arthur Spruill, Jr., has trained 6 certified barber instructors and 30 licensed barbers, 7 of whom have opened their own barbershops;

WHEREAS, James Arthur Spruill, Jr., owns a number of successful businesses, including a convenience store, several residential properties, and Cutlery Capers, which specializes in hair clipper maintenance, sharpening, and working with lawn mowers;

WHEREAS, James Arthur Spruill, Jr., has convened a number of community meetings on HIV/AIDS awareness;

WHEREAS, James Arthur Spruill, Jr., has received numerous awards and recognition, including the California Jheri Curl Award, DC Idol Hands and the Community Certificate of Appreciation, National Director of Who's Who in Executive and Professionals, and the John R. Hawkins Alumni Award;

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

WHEREAS, James Arthur Spruill, Jr., has also received numerous awards from the Phelps Career Development Center, including the Coca Cola Perfect Attendance Award, Citizenship Award, and the Career Development Center's Service Award; and

WHEREAS, James Arthur Spruill, Jr., was recently recognized and extensively quoted in the September 2006 edition of *Washingtonian Magazine*.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "James Arthur Spruill, Jr., Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Master Barber James Arthur Spruill, Jr., and declares June 2, 2007, as "James Arthur Spruill, Jr., Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-112

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize and honor the Reverend Doctor Jerry A. Moore, Jr., on the occasion of his 89th birthday.

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., was born in 1918 to the late Jerry A. and Mae D. Moore in Miden, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., after earning several degrees, embarked on a career of public service, accepting a position with the Poydras Street USO, WMCA and the Port Embarkation in New Orleans;

WHEREAS, for 51 years, Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., served as pastor of the historic Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, where he lent himself to many community, national, and international projects, such as representing the United States as a Goodwill Ambassador to Taiwan, South Korea, Togo, and Belize;

WHEREAS, in 1974, Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., was elected the first Republican representative to serve on the Council of the District of Columbia, serving 2 consecutive terms;

WHEREAS, for 15 years, Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., served on the Council of the District of Columbia as the Chairman of the Public Works Committee and was appointed to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, where he served as Chairman during part of the \$12 billion construction of the region's subway system;

WHEREAS, in 1976, Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., was elected President of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments;

WHEREAS, in 1985, President George H.W. Bush nominated Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., as Ambassador to Losoto, Africa;

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., instituted the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials at Howard University, an organization for the advancement of minorities in transportation, which now has 35 chapters throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., is married to Dr. Ettyce Hill Moore and they are the proud parents of 2 sons, attorney Jerry A. Moore, III and Reverend Juran D. Moore, Sr.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Reverend Doctor Jerry A. Moore, Jr., 89th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Reverend Doctor Jerry A. Moore, Jr., on his 89th birthday.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately after the first date of its publication in the District of Columbia of Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-113

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To declare June 27 through June 30, 2007, as "School-Based Health Center Week" in the District of Columbia to promote the strides taken in establishing school-based health centers and to advocate for their expansion.

WHEREAS, medical and behavioral health services are vital components of a comprehensive approach to promoting health and preventing illness along America's children;

WHEREAS, schools are a logical and time-proven setting in which to provide medical and behavioral health care to those who would otherwise have no or limited access to health care;

WHEREAS, school-based health centers ("SHBCs") provide friendly, accessible, affordable, quality, age-appropriate, and culturally sensitive health services, including primary health, mental health, dental health, and health education;

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 1,700 school-based health centers in 44 states serving approximately 2 million children;

WHEREAS, a 3-year study on the effects of school-based health centers found SBHCs: improved health-related quality of life of students and families served; did not raise overall Medicaid costs, but did result in a reduction in Medicaid costs for rural students; decreased primary care costs; decreased prescription drug costs; and closed the health gap for African-American children;

WHEREAS, the study concluded that school-based health centers improve student health, help keep children in the classroom, and support working parents at no additional cost to Medicaid;

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

WHEREAS, the National Association of School-Based Health Centers has similarly found that SBHCs contribute to students' health, improved seat time, academic outcomes, life-long achievement and overall student well-being;

WHEREAS, SBHCs can provide up to 95% of a child's primary health needs; on-site providers, unlike traditional school nurses, can diagnose and treat illness, including prescribing medication; can treat chronic problems like asthma with less interruption to a child's school day; can arrange hospital or specialty care when necessary; and often offer nutrition, health, and parenting classes;

WHEREAS, a recent survey of District SBHCs found that comprehensive health assessments, immunizations, and on-site sexually transmitted disease treatment for teens occurred in all 4 responding school-based health centers; asthma treatment, mental health assessment, grief/loss therapy, and conflict resolution/mediation occurred in 3 of 4 schools; and 1 in 4 provided dental treatment and nutrition/fitness/weight management education; and

WHEREAS, the District survey results often approximated or bested results from across the United States.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "School-Based Health Center Week Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares June 27 through June 30, 2007, as "School-Based Health Center Week" in the District of Columbia to highlight the accomplishments and successes of school-based health care and encourage residents to advocate for health centers in their local schools.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-114

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To posthumously recognize and honor the life and achievements of philanthropist and National Aeronautics and Space Administration physicist Gilbert Mead.

WHEREAS, Gilbert Mead was born May 31, 1930 in Madison, Wisconsin, and attended the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut, where he was active in sports and was president of the chemistry-physics club;

WHEREAS, Gilbert Mead received a degree in physics from Yale University in 1952 and a doctorate in physics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1962;

WHEREAS, Gilbert Mead, while employed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's ("NASA") Goddard Space Flight Center, co-edited a work on space science written by specialists for non-experts;

WHEREAS, Gilbert Mead became chief of NASA's geophysics branch in 1975, partnering with a group that utilized laser beams and satellites to pinpoint the earth's tectonic plate;

WHEREAS, Gilbert Mead, upon his retirement in 1987, managed a grants program geared towards university scientists studying the earth's surface;

WHEREAS, Gilbert Mead became acquainted with the arts community while at Goddard Space Flight Center, becoming involved with a theatrical troupe called MAD (Music and Drama) and serving as its musical director and conductor;

WHEREAS, his wife, Jaylee Montague Mead, whom he married in 1968, was an astronomer at Goddard Space Flight Center and also acted in productions of MAD;

WHEREAS, upon the sale of his grandfather's paper company in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, Gilbert Mead donated more than \$1 million to a community foundation in the town to help in its transition after the sale and move of the company;

WHEREAS, Gilbert and Jaylee Mead established the Mead Family Foundation, which awards \$1 million in grants annually to education and family service programs in the District of Columbia and in Montgomery County, Maryland;

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

WHEREAS, Gilbert and Jaylee Mead have given more than \$50 million to theatres in the Washington Region, including the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, the Studio Theatre, Arlington's Signature Theatre, the Woolly Mammoth, the Washington Ballet, the Olney Theatre Center, and the Levine School of Music;

WHEREAS, Gilbert and Jaylee Mead also founded the Mead Theatre Lab, an arts space in northwest Washington, D.C., that serves groups without their own theaters;

WHEREAS, Gilbert and Jaylee Mead gave \$35 million to Washington's Arena Stage as part of its current renovation campaign;

WHEREAS, Gilbert Mead died at Washington Home hospice on May 29, 2007;

WHEREAS, Gilbert Mead is survived by his wife, Jaylee, and 3 children from his first marriage, Betsy Mead, Diana Mead-Siohan, and Stanton W. Mead II, as well as 5 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert Mead was preceded in death by one son, Robert Mead.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gilbert Mead Posthumous Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors the life and achievements of Gilbert Mead.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-115

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize the contributions of Herb White to the community life of the District of Columbia as a restaurateur and patron of the arts, and to declare July 3, 2007, as "Herb White Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Herb White was a long-time fixture of the Washington restaurant scene, running Café Don in Adams Morgan and then Herb's Restaurant, first in the Georgetown Hotel and later in the Governor's House Hotel;

WHEREAS, Herb White facilitated the founding of a trail-blazing organic herb farm in 1984, to supply fresh-grown all-natural herbs for his own restaurants and others;

WHEREAS, Herb's Restaurant was for decades the social center for much of the art, theater, and literary community of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Herb White hosted, at his own expense, the annual Winter Cast Bash to benefit Horizons Theater, Woolly Mammoth Theater, Source Theater, Living Stage, the Studio Theater, GALA Hispanic Theater, and New Playwright's Theater;

WHEREAS, Herb White hosted monthly auctions and benefits for Washington Independent Writers, Washington Project for the Arts, Washington Ballet, Washington Sculpture Center, District Curators, the New Art Examiner, and many more;

WHEREAS, Herb White provided the space for the founding of the District of Columbia Arts Center in Adams Morgan, at a rent of just \$1 annually;

WHEREAS, Herb White provided regular assistance throughout the year to the artistic, literary, and theater communities of the District of Columbia, including devoting the proceeds from his jukebox to artistic and theatrical groups, providing reduced-price food and drink to artists, writers, and theater professionals, and providing reduced-rent or rent-free living and working space to several promising District of Columbia artists;

WHEREAS, Herb White served as assistant director of programming for the Smithsonian

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Associates program; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Herb White won the Mayor's Art Award for providing leadership and support for local artists.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Herb White Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Herb White, and declares July 3, 2007 as "Herb White Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-116

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To posthumously recognize, honor, and celebrate the memory of Richard Rausch, his passion for and service to Democratic politics, and his unwavering efforts to advance full-voting representation and self-determination for the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Richard Rausch passed on May 29, 2007;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rausch was a native Iowan, but started calling the District of Columbia home in the 1950's, when he moved to the District to work for Iowa Representative Neal Smith;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rausch served as National Director of the Young Democrats during the John F. Kennedy Administration;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rausch served as Chair of the Ward Six Democrats, Vice Chair of the DC Democratic State Committee, a member of the Democratic National Committee, a national board member of Americans for Democratic Action, and was present at every Democratic National Convention, starting with the Stevenson-Kefauver Convention of 1956;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rausch was a founding member of the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, and was honored as one of only 3 persons to be named as a "Honorary Life Member" of the club;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rausch was a dogged advocate for full-voting representation and self-determination for the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rausch was a friend, advocate, and leader for many progressive issues, both at home in the District, and across the nation.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Richard Rausch Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2007".

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and appreciates a long record of distinguished service by Mr. Richard Rausch and celebrates his passion for progressive Democratic values and politics.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-117

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2007

To recognize the Smooth and Easy Hand Dance Institute and the National Hand Dance Association for a resurgence and popularity of Hand Dance in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Hand Dance is a popular, vibrant renewal of music and dancing originating from the 1950s and 1960s and passed on to successive generations;

WHEREAS, the art of Hand Dance was created, developed, promoted, expanded, and has been sustained in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance promotes physical and mental health through a safe and low-impact aerobic exercise for people of all ages;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance has encouraged cross-generation and cross-social/economic interactions, thereby helping to foster a strong, inclusive, and diverse community;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance helps youth develop the physical skills of agility, coordination, and flexibility and the social skills of cooperation, conflict resolution, consideration, and respect;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance has and continues to generate tax revenue from the entrepreneurship associated with the art of hand dance;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance venues throughout the metropolitan area are places where one can go and feel comfortable and safe;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance is an art form with myriad steps and different foot patterns, which, in conjunction with many turns and body movements, requires time, practice, and much effort;

WHEREAS, unlike many forms of dance and styles of music, Hand Dance will and shall survive in the District of Columbia;

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

WHEREAS, the Smooth and Easy Hand Dance Institute ("SEZ"), with the support of the National Hand Dance Association ("NHDA"), has served as a catalyst for the resurgence and popularity of Hand Dance, both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, due almost solely to the hard work and dedication of the SEZ and NHDA, Hand Dance is recognized and sanctioned as swing dance and is included in swing dance events throughout the United States.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Hand Dance Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Smooth and Easy Hand Dance Institute and the National Hand Dance Association, and congratulates all those who have contributed to keeping the Hand Dance legacy preserved and for achieving national recognition in this endeavor. The Council of the District of Columbia urges all District residents to learn and practice Hand Dance.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17- 118

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To posthumously honor and remember the life of Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., and to declare June 11, 2007, as "Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., was born October 27, 1993;

WHEREAS, Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., attended Cleveland Elementary School, Bruce Monroe Elementary School, and Lincoln Multicultural Middle School, in Ward 1;

WHEREAS, Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., loved to learn and had a passion for poetry and the arts;

WHEREAS, Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., received many awards for community leadership and community activism, and was a frequent student volunteer;

WHEREAS, Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., demonstrated a special interest in boxing and was a youth boxer at Keely's District Boxing and Youth Center, in Ward 1;

WHEREAS, Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., passed away on June 2, 2007, at the age of 13; and

WHEREAS, a candlelight vigil was held for Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., on June 6, 2007.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., Posthumous Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia remembers and honors the life of Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., and declares June 11, 2007, as " Terry Alfonso Cutchins, Jr., Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-119

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To honor Felix Patterson, II, for remaining steadfast in becoming mentally and physically stronger.

WHEREAS, Felix Patterson, II, was born on May 24, 1993, and lives in Ward 5;

WHEREAS, Felix Patterson, II, will be graduating this spring from St. Mark The Evangelist School and was nominated and elected as the 8th Grade Class Student Council Representative and a member of the CYO Varsity Basketball Team;

WHEREAS, Felix Patterson, II, attended the Summer School Cadet Program at Massanutten Military Academy in the summer of 2006 and graduated with a cumulative grade point average of 3.1 and received the Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship and Best Team Player on the basketball team;

WHEREAS, Felix Patterson, II, received a certificate of Completion for Outstanding Performance of the Entire Golden Spiral Math-Power Curriculum at the Academic Empowerment Learning Center, attended George Washington University Summer Tour Program, The John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Program, and St John's College High School Basketball Camp; and

WHEREAS, Felix Patterson, II, is on the Youth Ministry Board at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and a member of The Power Punchers Tae Kwon Do Karate School.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Felix Patterson, II, Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Felix Patterson, II, for enhancing his life through his allegiance to education and to his extra-curricular participation.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17- 120

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To honor the brothers Anthony and Lamont Peterson on their historic ESPN2 victories on Friday Night Fights and to recognize their past, present, and future achievements and contributions to the sport of boxing and the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Anthony and Lamont Peterson, known as "the Headbangers," have risen from an impoverished background on the streets of the District of Columbia to become Golden Gloves champions under the mentorship of Barry Hunter;

WHEREAS, Anthony and Lamont Peterson turned pro in 2004, and Anthony, a lightweight, has a current record of 23-0 with 17 knockouts, and Lamont, a junior welterweight, has a current record of 21-0 with 9 knockouts;

WHEREAS, Anthony and Lamont Peterson's passionate dedication to the sport of boxing brought distinction upon themselves and the District of Columbia when they made their hometown debuts at the District of Columbia National Guard Armory in an event televised live on ESPN2 on May 25, 2007, knocking out both of their opponents in electrifying fashion;

WHEREAS, Anthony Peterson is now the World Boxing Organization Lightweight No. 1 contender and Lamont Peterson is now the World Boxing Association Jr. Welterweight No. 6 contender;

WHEREAS, Showtime boxing analyst Steve Farhood, has said, regarding Anthony and Lamont Peterson, that "We're looking at 2 future world champs";

WHEREAS, Anthony and Lamont Peterson have inherited a rich boxing tradition in the District of Columbia and are poised to ignite a resurgence of interest in boxing in the District of Columbia and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Anthony and Lamont Peterson are sterling examples of how hard work, dedication, and a positive attitude can uplift young people from even the most dire of circumstances.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Anthony and Lamont Peterson "Headbangers" Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the past, present, and future achievements of native Washingtonian champion boxers, Anthony and Lamont Peterson.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17- 121

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To honor Frank Smith, Jr., for his contributions to the community.

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., was born on September 17, 1942, in Newman, Georgia, to a mother who was a homemaker and a father who was a farmer and a truck driver;

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., was accepted into Morehouse College in Atlanta, where he founded the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and later organized and registered Black voters in Mississippi and Alabama;

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., is a commentator, a civil rights activist, a politician, and a speaker and is widely recognized for his involvement and leadership role in planning and guiding protests and marches in Greenwood, Mississippi;

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., moved to the District of Columbia in 1968, became involved in local community issues, was elected as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, was elected to serve on the Board of Education, and earned his Ph.D. from the Union Institute in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., was elected to the Council of the District of Columbia, where he represented the community for 4 terms.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Frank Smith, Jr., Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia appreciates Frank Smith, Jr., for lending his services to educate and uplift others.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17- 122

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To celebrate James and Susie Robinson for persevering together in marriage for 61 years.

WHEREAS, James and Susie Robinson were married on June 15, 1946;

WHEREAS, James and Susie Robinson came to the District of Columbia 63 years ago and remained as permanent residents and ancestors to 3 generations of native Washingtonians;

WHEREAS, James and Susie Robinson have lived in Ward 4 for almost 50 years and retired from the federal government after 33 faithful years of service;

WHEREAS, James and Susie Robinson are currently very active with the Ft. Stevens Senior Council; and

WHEREAS, James and Susie Robinson will be joined by a host of friends and family members congregating to celebrate 6 honorable decades of love, marriage, and dedication.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "James and Susie Robinson Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds James and Susie Robinson for being fine examples of enduring commitment, true loyalty, and steadfastness.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-123

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To recognize the 10th anniversary of the High Tea Society and to celebrate the efforts of the High Tea Society and the Washington, DC Fashion Council to promote Washington, D.C., as the "Fashion Capital".

WHEREAS, the High Tea Society, founded in 1997, for 10 years has offered a unique mentoring program that teaches life skills and academic skills to youth living in Wards 7 and 8 and attending District of Columbia Public Schools;

WHEREAS, since 2004, the High Tea Society has presented the Capital Catwalk Fashion Event, to promote retail and economic development in Washington, D.C., and to celebrate Washington, D.C., fashion retailers, designers, merchandisers, marketers, trendsetters, and local fashion mavens and super style stars, including Andre Leon Talley, Bethann Hardison, Stephen Burrows, B. Michael, and Audrey Smaltz;

WHEREAS, in 2007, the High Tea Society partnered with the Washington, DC Fashion Council to present Charming by Design, a Fashion and Life Skills Camp to be held from June 25 to August 3, 2007, to expose District of Columbia youth to career opportunities in the fashion/retail industry and life skills necessary to succeed, and to expand the Capital Catwalk Fashion Event, its annual benefit, into a citywide event to recognize the achievements of Washington, D.C. fashion designers and retailers; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Capital Catwalk Fashion Event is the official celebration of the introduction of Bill 17-173, the Commission on Fashion Arts and Events Establishment Act of 2007, that will establish an entity to place Washington, D.C. on the map as a fashion retail destination.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "High Tea Society Capital Catwalk Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the 10th anniversary of the High Tea Society and celebrates the efforts of the High Tea Society and the Washington, DC Fashion Council in presenting the 2007 Capital Catwalk Fashion Event as a citywide event.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17- 124

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To recognize Jay Haddock Ortiz, and to declare June 27, 2007, as "Jay Haddock Ortiz Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Jay Haddock Ortiz has logged over 7 years of service to the Office on Latino Affairs in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Jay Haddock Ortiz has spent his career advocating on behalf of the diverse interests of the Latino community;

WHEREAS, Jay Haddock Ortiz has raised millions of dollars for health, education, and arts programs to benefit the Latino community and the community at-large in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Jay Haddock Ortiz has worked diligently throughout his career without seeking recognition nor reward;

WHEREAS, Jay Haddock Ortiz has provided a voice for the Latino community in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, Jay Haddock Ortiz has dedicated his life and career toward the pursuit of equality in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Jay Haddock Ortiz Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Jay Haddock Ortiz, and declares June 27, 2007, as "Jay Haddock Ortiz Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-125

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To recognize the Reverend Canon John T.W. Harmon for his dedication and service to others and to declare June 24, 2007, as "Father Harmon Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Canon John T. W. Harmon was appointed the 14th Rector of the historic Takoma parish known as Trinity Episcopal Church in 2000;

WHEREAS, under his energetic and visionary leadership, new achievements were made evident by the works of Trinity Episcopal Church members in various spheres of service;

WHEREAS, the parish organized and operates the Trinity Music and Arts Ministry that provides a stimulating and supportive after-school tutorial and mentoring program to serve students enrolled in the Takoma Educational Center, as well as a summer enrichment program that exposes community youth to positive experiences in academics and the arts;

WHEREAS, the Trinity Development Corporation ("TDC") was organized to serve the surrounding community in its outreach to the community through assistance to seniors;

WHEREAS, TDC, under the leadership of Father Harmon as its president, organized in 2006 the first "Clergy Leadership Summit" on the HIV crisis in the District and created, in 2007, 6 Conversation Centers through its "*Love is Thicker Than Blood*" initiative in collaboration with 5 associate faith-based institutions in various sectors of the city to provide safe spaces of refuge and relief to residents adversely impacted by HIV, AIDS, or addiction and to provide support, assistance, counseling, prevention training, and referral services;

WHEREAS, the Trinity Volunteer Corps continues to involve college students who serve as interns for a year as ancillary personnel to community nonprofit organizations;

WHEREAS, Father Harmon was appointed to the Diocese of Washington's Commission of Ministry, elected to the Diocese's Standing Committee as Deputy to the General Convention

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

of the National Episcopal Church, and serves on the faculty of the CREDO Institute and the convener of the African American Clergy Association in the District;

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia joins in celebrating the dynamic and vigorous ministries manifested by the membership of Trinity Episcopal Church since the institution of Father Harmon, under whose leadership during the last 6 years the membership has made a consistent witness of faith through works; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia rejoices that Trinity Episcopal Church, with support of the Lily Foundation, will enable its rector to engage in an extended sabbatical to study, be refreshed, and renewed by his experiences in Africa and the Caribbean in order to provide continued leadership and direction in making evident Christian faith realized by the works and the commitment of Trinity Episcopal Church's membership.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Reverend Canon John T.W. Harmon Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and commends Father Harmon for the valuable contributions he has made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-126

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To honor Anne V. Bowling for her dedication towards assisting others.

WHEREAS, Ann V. Bowling has been a proud resident of Ward 5 since 1967;

WHEREAS, Ann V. Bowling has been married to recent retiree Robert Bowling for over 36 years, is the proud mother of 2 sons, and the proud grandmother of 2 boys and a girl;

WHEREAS, Ann V. Bowling acted as a Registrar and a Counselor at Dunbar Senior High School in Washington, D.C., until her retirement in June of 2005, after 20 years of outstanding service;

WHEREAS, Ann V. Bowling served as the Coordinator of the Young Women of Dunbar, was the Coordinator of RAFIKI and a member of the LSRT Restructuring Team; and

WHEREAS, Ann V. Bowling is consistently prepared and inclined to assist those around her in need of bettering themselves as well as uplifting the community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ann V. Bowling Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Ann V. Bowling for her endless commitment to helping others.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-127

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To commemorate World Car Free Day and to declare September 18, 2007, as "Car Free Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, lengthening car commutes and increasing congestion are putting greater stress and burdens on District of Columbia residents and commuters;

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C., is a transit-friendly city that also offers good biking and walking infrastructure, as well as an accessible, multi-modal public transportation regional network;

WHEREAS, multi-modal systems enhance mobility, build community, and reduce smog and carbon pollution;

WHEREAS, a special day to rediscover the city without a car and reconnect with fellow community members can educate people about their transportation options, environmental impacts, and other quality of life issues that are within an individual's control; and

WHEREAS, World Car Free Day is celebrated during the month of September in 1,500 cities in 40 countries around the globe.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Car Free Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commemorates World Car Free Day; and declares September 18, 2007, as "Car Free Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-128

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To recognize and honor Carl Cole, a member of the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation Board of Directors, for his lifetime work to reconnect youth to the Anacostia River.

WHEREAS, Carl Cole was awarded the Presidential Volunteer Service Award in recognition of his lifetime work to reconnect east-of-the-river youth to the Anacostia River through involvement in maritime activities;

WHEREAS, Carl Cole is a noted businessman, community activist, and native Washingtonian who has lived east of the river for 44 years, and has dedicated his life to providing youth with boating and water-based experiences that will serve them well as they go forward as our next generation of stewards;

WHEREAS, Carl Cole has been at the forefront of efforts to reconnect the east-of-the-river community, particularly youth, to the Anacostia River, and his first river clean-up experiences were with the Boy Scouts in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Carl Cole leads Ward 8 tours for Cultural Tourism DC, promotes artistic endeavors for Ward 8 at-risk children and youth, serves as an advisor to maritime organizations along the Anacostia River in their work with funding sources, local governments, and the business community, and, since 1997, has represented the District of Columbia as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Executive Council of the Chesapeake Bay Program.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Carl Cole Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates Carl Cole for his distinguished community service and for his extensive contributions to our children and youth.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-129

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To recognize and honor Amanda Fernandez for her academic achievements with Poetry Out Loud.

WHEREAS, Poetry Out Loud is a national competition for American high school students sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts;

WHEREAS, Poetry Out Loud involves more than 1,000 high schools and more than 100,000 high school students from across the country;

WHEREAS, Amanda Fernandez won her Poetry Out Loud school-wide competition at Duke Ellington High School for the Performing Arts to advance to the Washington, D.C. Poetry Out Loud citywide finals, where she was selected the winner over representatives of 7 other high schools, moving on to the national competition;

WHEREAS, at the national competition of 51 high school students, Amanda Fernandez was a finalist and eventually the winner of the competition, receiving a \$20,000 college scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Fernandez will attend New York University's Tisch School of the Arts in the fall of 2008, where she will study acting.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Amanda Fernandez Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates Amanda Fernandez for her excellence in academic studies and for representing the citizens of the District of Columbia with the highest honor.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-130

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To honor the Brockington-Alford family reunion for continuing to convene throughout the years.

WHEREAS, the Brockington-Alford family reunion originated in 1973 in Charlotte, North Carolina, with the descendants of Josiah Brockington's aunt, Constance Brockington Alford;

WHEREAS, Harriet and Josiah Brockington, who have lived in Ward 5 for over 55 years, will be the honorary chairs of this year's event;

WHEREAS, Harriet and Josiah Brockington have been active members in the North Michigan Park community for several years and have 4 sons and one daughter; and

WHEREAS, the Brockington-Alford family reunion will welcome 100 family members this year, beginning with a Friday evening fish fry at the home of Josiah's son, Kenneth, and his wife Frieda, continue on with a Saturday afternoon cookout in the District's historic Rock Creek Park, proceed with a banquet on Saturday evening honoring, recognizing, and acknowledging the richness of the family, and conclude with a uplifting Sunday morning worship service at Josiah Brockington's church, Turner Memorial A.M.E. in Langley Park Maryland.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That, this resolution may be cited as the "Brockington-Alford Family Reunion Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds the Brockington-Alford family reunion for continuing to bring the family together year after year.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17- 131

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To recognize the members of the White-Jarmon family upon the occasion of their 33rd annual family reunion.

WHEREAS, members of the White-Jarmon family held their first family reunion in 1974, in Schulenburg, Texas;

WHEREAS, the late Thomas White was the first president and founder of the White-Jarmon family reunion tradition;

WHEREAS, there are at least 200 members of the White-Jarmon family, all of whom are direct descendants, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren of Felton White, Senior, and Eliza Jarmon White;

WHEREAS, for the first time in the history of the White-Jarmon family reunions, this 33rd annual reunion will not be held in Texas, but instead will take place in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, at least 60 members of the White-Jarmon family will participate in this year's annual family reunion;

WHEREAS, Ward 4 residents Michael, Marva, and Michelle Benjamin are co-hosts of this year's White-Jarmon annual family reunion; and

WHEREAS, participants in this year's White-Jarmon annual family reunion come not only from the District of Columbia, but also from Texas, California, and Virginia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may cited as the "White-Jarmon 33rd Annual Family Reunion Recognition Resolution of 2007".

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends the members of the White-Jarmon family for their commitment to the memory of their ancestors, to the bonds of their family, and to their annual family reunion.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-132

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To recognize and honor Gwendolyn Vavas seur Mason on the occasion of her 80th birthday and to declare July 6, 2007, as "Gwendolyn Vavas seur Mason Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Vavas seur Mason was born on July 6, 1927, in St. Martinville, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Vavas seur Mason was raised in Los Angeles, California, but returned to Louisiana, where she graduated from St. Mary's Academy, completing her nursing education;

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Vavas seur Mason married Robert A. Mason on March 13, 1948, and relocated to Washington, D.C., where she began her career as an Oral Surgery Technologist;

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Vavas seur Mason pursued her medical career while raising 8 children, who produced for her 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Vavas seur Mason has been a model citizen of the District of Columbia, residing in Ward 5 for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Vavas seur Mason contributed significantly to the betterment of the community through her involvement with the Catholic church and various community-based organizations, being a leader among the Sodality of St. Anthony's Church and a staunch supporter and meal preparer for SOME (So Others Might Eat).

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gwendolyn Vavas seur Mason 80th Birthday Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia pays tribute to Gwendolyn Vavas seur Mason on the occasion of her 80th birthday and declares July 6, 2007, as "Gwendolyn Vavas seur Mason Day" in the District of Columbia.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17- 133

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To recognize and honor The Studio Theatre on its 30th anniversary for its contributions to the cultural life of our city and the economic revitalization of the Logan Circle neighborhood and to declare September 29, 2007, through October 5, 2007, as "The Studio Theatre Week" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre has been a pioneer in launching Washington, D.C. theater into prominence in the American theater of the 21st century;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre has produced outstanding contemporary theater in our city, created an artistic home for Washington, D.C.'s talented community of theater artists, brought theater artists of national and international prominence to our city, and, in doing so, enriched the lives of our city's residents;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory, begun in 1975, has launched the careers of a number of nationally prominent theater artists, been instrumental in developing a community of Washington, D.C. theater artists, and trained actors who have gone on to create and staff many of the theater companies that fill our city's stages;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre 2ndstage, begun in 1988, has nurtured the development of emerging theater artists, strengthened the opportunities of established theater artists, and created new opportunities for both artists and audience in our city;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre, through its 30-year commitment to Washington, D.C.'s Logan Circle neighborhood, has spurred economic and cultural revitalization to create a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood with a major cultural institution as its hub;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre has inspired patrons to make gifts in excess of \$25 million to create a 4-theater performance and training complex in the heart of one of Washington, D.C.'s urban neighborhoods;

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre opens its doors to Washington, D.C. not-for-profit cultural and community organizations, such as the Black Women's Playwrights Group, the DC Hip Hop Theatre Festival, Capital Pride, the Logan Circle Community Association, the Dupont Circle Citizen's Association, and the Community Foundation for the National Capital Area, to name a few, allowing free use of the theater facility;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre forges a cohesive urban community among the culturally diverse residents of Washington, D.C. through programs that ensure access to The Studio Theatre's artistic, educational, and community service programs for all residents of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre supports hundreds of not-for-profit cultural and social service agencies by contributing its artistic programming to support their good works;

WHEREAS, the 2007-2008 season marks the 30th anniversary of The Studio Theatre;
and

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre is an authentic Washington, D.C. cultural institution whose excellence is recognized in both national and international theater communities, which adds a unique dimension to the proud public image of our city.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "The Studio Theatre 30th Anniversary Citywide Celebration and Week Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes The Studio Theatre for its leadership and countless achievements in advancing the professional theater and the arts in Washington, D.C. and the surrounding region, and recognizes its role in elevating our city to prominence in the American theater.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia declares September 29, 2007, through October 5, 2007, as "The Studio Theatre Week" in the District of Columbia in celebration of The Studio Theatre's 30th anniversary season.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17- 134

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2007

To recognize the contribution Sidwell Friends School has made to the District of Columbia through its leadership in green building.

WHEREAS, green building is the practice of increasing the efficiency with which buildings use energy and other natural resources;

WHEREAS, green building benefits the community by improving the health, comfort, and productivity of its residents, and by reducing pollution and landfill waste;

WHEREAS, Sidwell Friends School has taken a leadership role in bringing green building to the District by integrating green building practices into its Middle School;

WHEREAS, these practices include treating water waste on site, implementing features that reduce the need for supplemental energy, maximizing the use of natural lighting, and building with recycled and rapidly renewable materials;

WHEREAS, research has shown that children excel educationally when they have the opportunity to connect academic lessons with concrete sensory experiences;

WHEREAS, Sidwell Friends School provides its students with an opportunity to have a direct experience with their natural environment, aiding their study of flora and fauna, rainforests, human cellular structure and environmental science, and mechanical, electrical and structural systems; and

WHEREAS, Sidwell Friends School intends to make its Middle School available to teachers and students across the District, and to demonstrate to the nation a path to sustainability.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sidwell Friends School Green Building Recognition Resolution of 2007".

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the importance of green building to the community and applauds the contribution Sidwell Friends School has made to the District of Columbia through its leadership in green building.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.